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SUBJECT: SECURITY PRECAUTIONS FOR US OFFICIALS IN GREECE

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1. HAVING ESTABLISHED SUFFICIENT SIMILARITY IN CIRCUM-
STANCES AND METHODS BETWEEN MALLIOS AND WELCH MURDERS
TO GIVE CONCERN TO GOG AND EMBASSY INTELLIGENCE AND
SECURITY OFFICIALS, DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION AND
ADMIN COUNSELOR TODAY CALLED ON SECGEN OF GOG MINISTRY
OF PUBLIC ORDER (RETIRED LT. GEN. BALKOS) TO REQUEST:

A. 24-HOUR RESIDENCE SURVEILLANCE FOR SIXTEEN USG
OFFICIALS WHO ARE CONSIDERED TO BE POSSIBLE TARGETS
BY VIRTUE OF POSITION HELD OR NATURE OF DUTIES, AND

B. INCREASE OF MOTORIZED POLICE/GENDARMERIE PATROLS
IN AREAS HOUSING OTHER USG PERSONNEL. SECGEN BALKOS
ACKNOWLEDGED EXISTENCE OF THREAT AND AGREED IN NEED FOR ADDED
PROTECTION. HE PROMISED TO RAISE SUBJECT WITH
MINISTER STAMATIS BEFORE DAY'S END AND TO INFORM
EMBASSY NOT LATER THAN TOMORROW MORNING OF DECISION
ON OUR REQUEST.

2. ADMIN COUNSELOR ALSO CALLED ON DEPUTY CHIEF OF
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PROTOCOL (IN ABSENCE OF CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WHO IS
RETURNING WITH PRIME MINISTER THIS AFTERNOON FROM
PAKISTAN) AND OBTAINED ASSURANCES THAT MFA WILL
FULLY SUPPORT EMBASSY'S REQUEST.
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